

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 105, 114 and 115, and cancel claims 86-104, 106-113 and 116-123 (claims 1-85 having previously been canceled) without prejudice as follows:

Claims 1-104 (canceled).

105. (Currently Amended) A method of treating irritable bowel syndrome in a human subject comprising:

detecting the presence of small intestinal bacterial overgrowth in the subject; and
at least partially eradicating the small intestinal bacterial overgrowth by depriving
the bacterial overgrowth of nutrients by causing the subject to consume a diet comprising
VIVONEX®.

Claims 106-113 (canceled).

114. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 105 113, wherein the VIVONEX® is consumed for at least 3 days.

115. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 105 113, wherein the VIVONEX® is consumed for 10 to 14 days.

Claims 116-123 (canceled).